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| In re Patent Application of |) | MAIL STOP AMENDMENT |
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| For: IMAGE PROCESSING |) | |
| APPARATUS AND IMAGE |) | |
| PROCESSING PROGRAM |) | |
| PRODUCT FOR DISCRIMINATING |) | |
| DOT REGION IN IMAGE |) | |

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 25, 2009, the shortened statutory period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: